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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE –  
EXAMINING GROUP 1637**

PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 022101-001900US

Client Ref. No.: 19094-US

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Gregor SAGNER et al.

Application No.: 09/823,712

Filed: March 30, 2001

For: METHOD FOR DETERMINING  
THE EFFICIENCY OF NUCLEIC ACID  
AMPLIFICATIONS

Customer No.: 41504

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Examiner: Suryaprabha Chunduru

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 23, 2005 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a one month extension for time for response, from March 23, 2006 through April 23, 2006, accompanies this Amendment. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) also accompanies this response.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.